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In re Application of
Imre Kovesdi et al
Serial No.: 09/780,526
Filed: February 9, 2001
Attorney Docket No.: 206060

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: PETITION DECISION TO RESTART
: PERIOD FOR REPLY
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This is in response to applicant's petition for refund of a extension of time fee under 37 CFR § 1.181, filed April 3, 2003, which is being treated as a request to restart the period for reply.

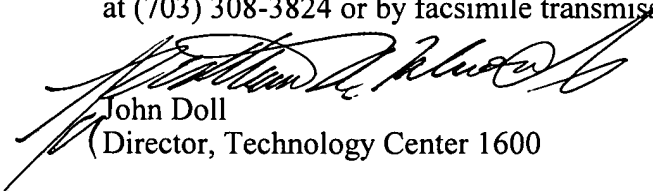
A review of the file history shows the examiner mailed a non-final Office action to applicants on January 13, 2003, setting a one month shortened statutory period for reply. Applicants state that they did not receive the Office action until March 17, 2003, more than two months after the mail date thereof, and provide copies of the docketing receipt stamped first page of the Office action and a copy of the envelope showing a postmark of March 11, 2003, as evidence thereof. Applicants' statement and evidence are acceptable and the period for reply will be adjusted accordingly.

Applicants' petition is **GRANTED**.

The period for reply to the Office action mailed January 13, 2003, is hereby restarted as of applicants' date of receipt, March 17, 2003. The time period for reply remains as set therein.

In view of this decision no extension of time is required for the submitted reply to the Office action and any extension of time fee paid will be credited to applicants' Deposit Account No. 12-1216.

Should there be any questions regarding this decision, please contact William R. Dixon, Jr., by mail addressed to Director, Technology Center 1600, Washington, D.C. 20231, or by telephone at (703) 308-3824 or by facsimile transmission at (703) 305-7230.


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